

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 10 on page 3 with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] Another potentially powerful method for the broad spectrum prevention of sexual transmission of a large variety of pathogens is provided by topically applied microbicidal formulations. "Recommendations for the development of vaginal microbicides," International Working Group on Vaginal Microbicides, *AIDS*, 10:1-6 (1996). Microbicides can prevent infection by interrupting one of three possible routes of pathogen transmission, and are grouped accordingly into three classes. Hayes McCormack et al., "Microbicides in HIV prevention," *BMJ*, 322:410-413 (2001).